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CENSUS REPORTS ARE HELD UP

THE COAL COMPANIES FAIL TO FILL IN THE SCHEDULES.

They Practically Refuse to Return the Information Called For—President Baer and Other Officers of Anthracite Coal Companies May Be Prosecuted.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—It was learned to-day that a serious situation confronts the Census Office in the collection of statistics regarding the operation of the anthracite coal mines of the United States since 1900 and at the present time. This has resulted in a hold-up of the reports of the Census Office and of the Geological Survey.

The Reading, Pennsylvania, Lehigh Valley and other large coal companies have practically refused to fill in the census schedules sent out last January and to return the desired information to the Census Bureau, and the question of prosecuting President Baer of the Reading Company and the presidents and other officers of the leading anthracite coal companies, under the law passed in 1898, providing a penalty of \$10,000 fine and one year's imprisonment for any officer of any corporation failing to furnish statistics demanded by the Government, is being seriously considered by the proper officials here.

President Baer decided to take, however, the whole question will be submitted to President Roosevelt.

It is known that in the event of radical action being taken against Mr. Baer and his colleagues of the coal companies, the best legal talent in the United States will be employed to attack the constitutionality of the law of 1898. The validity of the law has been questioned more than once since its passage, but only in an informal way.

When the schedules were delivered to the proper officers of the coal companies last January by special agents of the Census Office, it was expected that they would comply with the law in a month or so. This was true of the schedules of the bituminous mines, but nothing has been heard from the anthracite coal companies.

These schedules call for detailed information regarding the operating expenses of the companies, the cost of the production of coal per ton, the freight charges of the coal, the cost of the haulage of the coal, the numbers in the anthracite fields, their number and average daily wage, the gross and net earnings and profits of the companies, and, in fact, all information of the kind which the Government wishes to know.

As the newly created Department of Commerce and Labor, with the Bureau of Commerce and Labor, which is said, looked upon with suspicion and disfavor by organized capital throughout the country, would have access to all returns made by the coal companies, it was expected that this in part explains the reluctance and delay of the companies to forward the desired information.

Another officer said that the anthracite companies are perhaps taking advantage of a technical error in an amendment passed in 1902 to the original census law of 1898. This law provided that the schedules were to be completed and published by July 1, 1903. It was early seen that it would be impossible to gather and assemble the required amount of statistics by that date, and at the earnest solicitation of the director of the census bureau the law was amended, postponing the date until July 1, 1904. But in the amendment of the law July 1, 1904, is mentioned as the date on which the data must be "obtained," and not "published" as in the original law, and it is this "error," as it is termed, which the coal companies are taking advantage of, even if they have not decided to withhold the desired information altogether from the Government, the constitutionality of the law of 1898.

It was recently decided to make a final effort to induce the companies to furnish the desired information by the end of the year. This decision President Baer of the Reading company, upon his return from Europe a few days ago, was told by an agent of the Census Office. Information is not forthcoming last January was desired at once, and it was impressed upon him that unless the coal companies responded immediately the Government would take steps through the proper channels to force the companies to comply with the terms of the law.

So far Mr. Baer and his associates have not responded to the present demand, and the Government must understand thoroughly the trades of harness and shoe making, and be expertly qualified to lead a brass band.

The five-dollar bonus a month and "found" is offered to competent men, but the Civil Service Commissioners are not optimistic over the prospects of the eligible list.

Movements of Naval Vessels.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—The battleship Indiana is at Tompkinsville, the torpedo boat destroyer Frigate, the cruiser Olympia at Port Monroe and the collier Alexander at Port Said. The torpedo boat destroyer Lawrence sailed yesterday from Portland for New York, the gunboat Newport from Portland for Newport and the destroyer Stewart from Boston Navy Yard for Newport.

Army and Navy Orders.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—Army Orders issued to-day:

Major John F. Griffith, Twelfth Cavalry, detached as first lieutenant to the Second Cavalry, to report to the Adjutant General at this city.

Major Charles B. Norris, Ninth Infantry, to report to the Adjutant General at this city.

Major Hunter Liggett, Assistant Adjutant General, to Chicago.

Navy orders issued:

Commander J. V. Backwell, from the battleship Indiana, to the battleship Oregon at the Naval Academy, to command of the battleship Oregon to home.

Commander S. F. Sawyer, from command of the battleship Oregon, to command of the battleship Oregon.

Commander H. Hutchins, from the battleship Oregon, to command of the battleship Oregon.

Big Kansas Corn Crop.

TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 4.—Notwithstanding the floods and late season, reports to-day indicate a corn crop in Kansas of 225,000,000 bushels. The reports say that the crop will be matured by Oct. 1 and that if killing frosts do not occur the Kansas crop may reach 225,000,000 bushels.

Gov. Odell Goes to Newburgh.

ALBANY, N. Y., Sept. 4.—Governor Odell left for Newburgh to-day. He left for Newburgh this afternoon and will return to Albany at Lake Umbagog, N. H., after the completion of the Battle Monument at Lake Umbagog and will be accompanied by his staff.

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To-night! To-night! at 8.
Picturesque Souvenirs to Every Woman.

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LABOR DAY AND SAT. AT 2.
JAPAN BY NIGHT.
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Prices: Nights Adm. 50c. Reserved, \$1.00.
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LABOR DAY MATINEE AND EVENING

BROADWAY THEATRE. 41st St. & B'way.
TOD-NIGHT, MONDAY, 21st.
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original comedy
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